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Carefully Selected, Thoroughly Annotated, and Accurately Epitomized; Comparative Statutory Construction of the Laws of the Several States, and Exhaustive Treatises upon the Most Important Branches of the Law of Real Property. Edited by EMERSON E. BALLARD. Volume X. Pp. xxxv+867. Chicago, Ill.: T. H. Flood & Co. 1904.

We are pleased to note the publication of the tenth volume of Mr. Ballard's valuable work on Real Property Law. The same system has been followed in this volume as was introduced by the author when the first volume of the series appeared in 1892. Those cases which have made important changes in the law are reported in full; the other cases are epitomized under appropriate heads alphabetically arranged. Cases construing local statutes are indexed and collected by states, also arranged in alphabetical order. Three cases are considered important enough to be reported in full in this volume: *Becker v. Hall*, 116 Ia. 589; *Downing v. Elliott*, 182 Mass. 28, and *Hersey v. Hutchins*, 71 N. H. 458.

C. W. W.

A COLLECTION OF COMMON LAW PRACTICE FORMS. By E. RICHARD SHIPP, LL.M. (of the District of Columbia Bar). One volume, pp. 504. Washington: John Byrne & Co. 1902.

This little book is a collection of common law practice forms for use in states where the common law prevails, and seems to be accurate and complete in every detail. It treats of Process, Actions ex Contractu and ex Delicto; Pleas, Actions ex Contractu and ex Delicto; Replications, Miscellaneous Pleadings, Prayers, Verdicts, Judgments, Extraordinary Writs, Writs of Execution, Defences to Actions on Simple Contract, and Defences to Actions on Sealed Instruments.

F. H. S.

JURISDICTION AND PROCEDURE OF THE SUPREME COURT OF THE UNITED STATES. BY HANNIS TAYLOR, LL.D. (Edin. and Dub.), Author of "The Origin and Growth of the English Constitution" and of "International Public Law," Professor of Constitutional and International Law in The George Washington University. Pp. lxvi+1007. Rochester, N. Y.: The Lawyers' Co-operative Publishing Co. 1905.

As the result of a few years' residence and practice in Washington Dr. Tayler gives to the profession this volume, which demonstrates his ability to deal with the practice as well as

the history of the law of which he has shown himself a master in "The Origin and Growth of the English Constitution."

In the Preface to the work the author, by using the leading cases from the organization of the Supreme Court to the present time, "outlines the more distinct and notable stages through which the growth of the court has advanced down to the present time. After an introductory chapter dealing with the genesis of the court, the work proper is divided into six parts. Part I treats of the original jurisdiction of the court; Parts II and IV deal respectively with its appellate jurisdiction over the ordinary Federal courts, the Special Federal courts, and the State courts. Part V discusses the great writs of habeas corpus, mandamus, prohibition, certiorari, scire facias, ne exeat, and quo warranto, while Part VI is devoted to procedure. The Appendix contains the rules of the Supreme Court and a collection of practical forms.

E. P. S.

THE AMERICAN JUDICIARY. By SIMEON E. BALDWIN, LL.D.
Pp. xiii+403. New York: The Century Co. 1905.

This is the sixth of a set of eight volumes entitled "The American State Series." Professor W. W. Willoughby, of Johns Hopkins University, is the editor, and he states that the aim of the series is to describe the actual conditions and to suggest the various constitutional and administrative problems which exist in the government of this country and to make manifest the essential considerations involved in their settlement. Each volume is to be complete in itself and the set is to constitute a logical whole. The volumes refer respectively to the American Constitutional System, City Government, Party Organization, the Executive, the Legislature, the Judiciary, the Territories and Colonies, and to Local Government.

Each volume is written by a different author, and the writer of the present volume is Simeon E. Baldwin, Associate Justice of the Supreme Court of Errors of Connecticut and Professor of Constitutional Law in Yale University. This volume, like the others, is intended primarily for use in schools and colleges and for the information of the general reader and citizen. It was not written with any special intention of satisfying any demand felt by the legal profession. The practising lawyer is already familiar with most of the information it contains. The law student will find it of value in presenting a summary of the present condition of the machinery of the courts of this country.

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